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1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

THAI PM THANIN, AT KL, SAYS CAMBODIA ATTACKS SRV/LAOS AS WELL AS THAILAND. ADDS CLASHES ON SRV/CAMBODIA BORDER WORSE THAN THOSE ON THAI/CAMBODIA BORDER. SUGGESTS ATTACKS BY KR ARE ATTEMPT DIVERT CAMBODIANS' ATTN FROM DOMESTIC UNCLASSIFIED

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CRISES, THO OTHERS BELIEVE ATTACKS ON THAI BORDER PROVOKED BY LOCAL KR LEADERS IN NEED FOOD/SUPPLIES FOR UNITS (SIMONS, WP KL 8/7). THANIN SAYS RTG WANTS NEGOTIATE PEACEFULLY W/PP TO SETTLE BORDER PROBLEMS (ISAACS, SUN KL 8/7).

2. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

ATTY GEN BELL EXPECTED ANNOUNCE 8/11 THAT MANY REFUGEES SOON ADMITTED TO US; ABOUT 7000 BOAT PEOPLE/8000 FROM THAI

CAMPS EXPECTED BE ADMITTED (CASSELBERRY, CSM).

3. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

RTG/GOM CMDRS SAY JOINT BORDER OPNS OF PAST MO SUCCESSFUL IN FORCING COMMUNIST INSURGENTS DISPERSE. DRIVE BY RTG AUTHORITIES TO CLOSE OFF FOOD/OTHER SUPPLIES TO INSURGENTS COMPLEMENTS MIL OPN (UPI, NYT 8/7).

4. JAPAN

JAPANESE UNEMPLOYMENT AT HIGHEST LEVEL FOR 18 YRS, W/OVER 2 PCT WORK FORCE IDLE DUE SLOW PACE ECON RECOVERY (REUTER TOKYO 8/5). - - -

COMSAT GENRL CORP ANNOUNCES PLANS TO START CONSTRUCTION THIS YR OF SHORE STA IN JAPAN TO OPERATE W/INDIAN OCEAN "MARISAT" SATELLITE. SCHEDULED FOR 1978 COMPLETION, STA WILL BE 1ST OUTSIDE US LINKED W/INDIAN OCEAN SATELLITE (JOC).

SUN (8/7) CARRIES WP FOTO UNGA PRES PLACING WREATH AT HIROSHIMA TO MARK 32D ANNIVERSARY ATOMIC EXPLOSION THERE. UNCLASSIFIED

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WSTAR (8/7) NOTES RITES AT HIROSHIMA'S PEACE MEMORIAL PARK, WHILE UPI FOTO (NYT 8/7) SHOWS HIROSHIMA CITIZENS BURNING INCENSE IN FRONT PEACE MEMORIAL.

WP'S SAAR (TOKYO) DOES ITEM ON RISE OF ALCOHOLISM IN JAPAN. CITES NATL INSTITUTE OF ALCOHOLISM DIRECTOR KONO'S ASTONISHMENT AT SIZE OF PROBLEM, INDICATED IN RECENT SURVEY WHICH SHOWED NEARLY 6 PCT ADULT POPULATION ARE PROBLEM DRINKERS.

NATL THEATRE OF JAPAN'S GRAND KABUKI TROUPE WILL HAVE 1ST WASHINGTON ENGAGEMENT AT KENNEDY CENTER 9/6-11 (SUN 8/7).

5. KOREA

AT 8/5 NEWS CONF IN CHICAGO, SPECIAL COUNSEL JAWORSKI SAID HE WILL TAKE ATTY GEN BELL TO COURT IF NECESSARY IN ORDER GET DOCUMENTS RELATING TO KOREAN BRIBERY INVESTIGATION (THORNTON, GLOBE 8/6).

NYT'S HALLORAN INTERVIEWS AMCIT DAVID BUFKIN, WHO SAYS KCIA RECRUITED HIM FOR ESPIONAGE IN ZAIRE/CANADA LAST YR/TRIED PERSUADE HIM GATHER INFO IN US. SAID HE PROVIDED KCIA W/INFO ABOUT NKOREAN OPNS IN ZAIRE AND ABOUT CUBANS IN CANADA, BUT REFUSED REQUEST OBTAIN INFO FROM FBI/CIA. ADDED KCIA CONTACT ONCE INDICATED THAT HE WORKED W/TONGSUN

PARK.

MALCOLM (NYT SEOUL) WRITES ON INCREASING UNREST IN SKOREAN LABOR FORCE. URBAN INDUSTRIAL MISSION LEADER CHO CHI SONG DESCRIBES WORKERS' PLIGHT/UPHILL BATTLE AGAINST ROKG FOR BETTER WORKING STDS.

6. TRADE

SUN'S DOBBIN REMARKS SEATTLE HAS BECOME "MAGNET" FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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ASIAN TRADE, ENABLING PORT ACHIEVE 700 PCT GROWTH IN LAST DECADE. EFFICIENT/RELIABLE/REASONABLY-PRICED PORT FACILITIES/SERVICES IN LARGE PART ACCOUNT FOR FACT ASIAN TRADE JUMPED FROM 100,000 TONS IN 1966 TO 1.8 MIL TONS IN 1976.

7. CHINA

NCNA ACCUSES INDIA OF SUPPORTING TIBETAN SECESSIONIST MOVEMENT. ATTACK CAME AFTER JULY MTG BETW INDIAN PM DESAI/ DALAI LAMA (REUTER, NYT 8/7) PRC, MEANTIME, HAS INVITED DALAI LAMA RETURN TIBET ALONG W/FOLLOWERS (RAM, CSM); IN TIBET, CHINESE PROPAGANDA ATTACKS ON LAMAS/OLD FEUDAL ORDER CONTINUE (REUTER, SUN 8/7).

SPECULATION CONTINUES THAT PRC MAKING FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR 11TH CCP CONGRESS; EXPECTED REVISE PARTY CONSTITUTION, REVIEW ECON PLAN/TOP APPOINTMENTS AND CONTINUE PURGE OF RADICALS (REUTER).

EDITORIAL IN PEOPLE'S DAILY CALLS FOR ECONOMIC STEP-UP; CITING POOR MANAGEMENT/UNPROFITABLE CONCERNS FOR SLOW DOWN. COAL, ELECTRICITY COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT TARGET AREAS ROGERS, REUTER 8/5).

TRADE AGREEMENT BETW EC/PRC EXPECTED BY NEXT SPRING. KEY ISSUE PEKINGS DEMAND FOR PARITY BETW AMOUNTS IMPORTED FROM EC/EXPORTED TO EC (JOC).

8. ASEAN - JAPAN/AUSTRALIA

MEMBER COUNTRIES END SUMMIT/RELEASE COMMUNIQUE AFFIRMING EMPHASIS ON EXPANDING ECON COOPERATION (CSM). EXCEPT FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THAILAND--AND SINGAPORE TO LESSER EXTENT--ASEAN COUNTRIES TOOK CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE TOWARD 3 INDOCHINA STATES (SIMONS, WP KL 8/7). RTG'S THANIN IN PRESS CONF PROFESSED SATISFACTION W/JOINT COMMUNIQUE; SAID HAD NOT EXPECTED IT

TAKE NOTE COMMUNIST THREAT TO THAILAND, SINCE ASEAN ORIENTED TO ECON/CULTURAL MATTERS. IN SEPARATE PRESS CONF, PHILS' MARCOS DISCLOSED LEADERS DISCUSSED REFUGEE PROBLEM; FONMINS WILL TAKE UP SUBJECT AGAIN IN HOPES FINDING PERMANENT SOLUTION (ISAACS, SUN KL 8/7).

PMS JAPAN/AUSTRALIA/NZ MET ON 8/6 W/ASEAN HEADS/EXCHANGED PLEDGES REMOVE ECON BARRIERS (ANDELMAN, NYT KL 8/7). IN MTG W/ASEAN HEADS, JAPAN'S FUKUDA AGREED INCREASE DEVELOPMENT AID; PROMISED CONSIDER FAVORABLE REQUEST FOR BILLION DOLS TO FINANCE 5 INDUSTRIAL PROJS.

MTG MARKED NEW EFFORT BY JAPAN EASE ANIMOSITIES DATING BACK TO WW II/MORE RECENT SUSPICION RE ECON PENETRATION (ISAACS). FUKUDA SAID JAPAN WILL CONSIDER BROAD RANGE ECON CONCESSIONS/AID PROGRAMS TO HELP STABILIZE SEA ECONOMY, BUT REFUSED SOLID COMMITMENTS. JAPAN INTENDS DOUBLE FON AID OVER NEXT 5 YRS/WILL NOT SUPPLY MIL AID (ANDELMAN). JAPAN'S AID OFFER COULD BE BEGINNING PARTNERSHIP W/ASEAN. GOJ THREW BAL- BACK INTO ASEAN'S COURT, SINCE GAVE AS CONDITION THAT EACH PROJECT MUST BE ESTABLISHED AS ASEAN PROJECT W/FEASIBILITY CONFIRMED (MORITZ, CSM KL).

JAPAN/AUSTRALIA HINT STEPPED-UP AID TO ASEAN NATIONS. MTGS EMPHASIZE THAT GOJ/GOA CONSIDER ASEAN COHESIVE FORCE. BOTH FUKUDA/FRASER EVADED QUESTIONS RE POSSIBLE POL SUPPORT FOR ASEAN VS INDOCHINESE STATES (SIMONS). ASEAN NATIONS WELCOME AUSTRALIA AS AID-GIVER/PROTEST HI TARIFFS. GOA WANTS ASEAN GOODWILL, BUT RECOGNIZES TARIFF REDUCTIONS WILL ADD TO AUSSIE UNEMPLOYMENT (MILLAR, CSM CANBERRA).
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FRASER BUDGET DUE IN PARLIAMENT 8/16; BUT COULD HAVE DEFICIT TWICE LARGE AS PREVIOUS BUDGET, ACCORDING MELBOURNE "AGE" ARTICLE BY GOVT ECONOMIST. ANOTHER ISSUE IS WHAT DO W/URANIUM DEPOSITS. US' RALPH NADER WROTE PM OPEN LTR CALLING ATTN HAZARDS NUKE FUEL USE/ASKING EXTENDED DEBATE ON ISSUE (MILLAR).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

. KOREA

IN BETTER-THAN-FULL-PG ARTICLE ENTITLED, "THE RICE CONNECTION" WP'S MORGAN (8/7) EXPLORES LINK BETW TONGSUN PARK'S PROFITS FROM RICE SALES/ALLEGED BRIBES TO US CONGRESSMEN. REVIEWS CROP'S ROLE IN "FOOD FOR PEACE" PROGRAM/ITS BACKING BY SOME POWERFUL CONGRESSMEN. REHASHES PARK'S CONNECTION W/FORMER REPS HANNA/PASSMAN, W/LA GOV EDWARDS/HIS WIFE. MORGAN SAYS RECENT DISCLOSURES CONCERNING PARK-CONGRESS LINK HAVE RAISED "GRAVE QUESTIONS" RE WHETHER US' SK POLICY OVER YRS HAS BEEN INFLUENCED BY

BRIBES. OPINES IF THIS BE TRUE, FACT WOULD REPRESENT "DARK CHAPTER" IN "LONG SAGA" US RICE, "WHICH SPILLED OVER SO SUPRISINGLY" INTO NATION'S POLITICS/DIPLOMACY.

NYT'S WEINRAUB (SEOUL 8/7) INTERVIEWS SEVERAL SEOUL CITIZENS, INCL ROKG SENIOR ADVISOR. ALL EXPRESS SHOCK/BEWILDERMENT AT W/DRAWAL PLAN, MANY FEAR SK'S ECON BOOM WILL WITHER AFTER US PULLOUT. WEINRAUB SAYS OPINION

AT HIGHEST LEVELS ROKG IS THAT MOVE ILL-TIMED; THAT W/DRAWAL COULD BEGIN AFTER 1980--AT EARLIEST--WHEN 5-BIL-DOL ARMY MODERNIZATION PROGRAM SLATED FOR COMPLETION.

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THOMAS ETZOLD, STRATEGIST/NAVAL WAR COLLEGE SAYS ADMIN CHINA POLICY STUDDERED W/ERRONEOUS PERCEPTIONS: I.E. THAT US HAS ANY LONG-TERM IMPORTANCE TO PRC; THAT TAIWAN MORE THAN PERIPHERAL MATTER; THAT SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE WILL CONTINUE FAR INTO FUTURE TO US ADVANTAGE. BECAUSE OF LAST POINT, SAYS US MUST RETAIN TAIWAN CONNECTION TO EXTRACT SOME CONSIDERATION FROM PRC (WP 8/7).

PENN STATE PROF PARRIS CHANG URGES NEW "AMERICAN FORMULA" ON NORMALIZATION: US EXTEND FULL DIPL REL PRC; CONTINUE REL W/ TAIWAN ON CONDITION LATTER PROCLAIMS SELF GOVERNMENT OF TAIWAN/PESCADORS, PULLS OUT QUEMOY/MATSU. CALLS CHINA POLICY VIS-A-VIS TAIWAN ACID TEST OF ADMIN HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. DISCOUNTS PRC CONNECTION AS OFFSETTING SOVIET POWER--PRC TOO WEAK MILITARILY (WP 8/7).

DOAK BARNETT SAYS EQUATING DIPL BREAK W/TAIWAN WITH "ABANDONMENT" FALLACIOUS. FEELS JAPAN FORMULA PROVES APPROPRIATE MODEL FOR US. ALSO PRC IN NO POSITION LAUNCH MIL ACTION AGAINST TAIWAN. URGES NORMALIZATION PRC ON PRC TERMS. FURTHER, SAYS ASSUMPTION PRC HAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO USSR THREAT OTHER THAN US IS FAULTY. SHOULD VANCE INITIATIVE FAIL, PRC MAY PURSUE LIMITED DETENTE W/ SOVIETS (WSJ).

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) SAY HAO TEH-CH'ING (CHINESE INST ON FON AFFAIRS) TOLD VP/SEC VANCE/BRZEZINSKI/CODEL THAT US VIOLATED SHANGHAI AGREEMENT. PRC WILL NEVER NORMALIZE RELS UNLESS US REVERSES POLICY TOWARD TAIWAN. SAY ALTHO HAO DISASSOCIATED FROM PRC GOVT, HIS WARNING CONSTRUED AS "SUBTLE MESSAGE" TO US.

SUN NOTES PRC HAS ENDED CAMPAIGN AGAINST "ELITISM" IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, ACCORDING US TEAM HEADED BY HANDLER OF NAS THAT VISITED CHINA. THUS, EXCHANGES IN FUTURE
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SHOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR US.

WSJ SAYS AS PRODUCT OF PRC DIPL INITIATIVE BEGUN IN 1970'S TO ADMIT MORE FON ANALYSTS TO COUNTRY, HK LOSING PREEMINENCE AS PLACE FOR CHINA WATCHERS. CALLS ADMISSION OF FON JOURNALISTS/VISITORS "UNPRECEDENTED"; NOTES OPENING OF AREAS ONCE RESTRICTED.

11. HUMAN RIGHTS

NYT'S SULZBERGER (PARIS 8/7) CITES "FUSS" PRES CARTER STIRRED UP BY SEEKING MAKE HUMAN RIGHTS ONE BASIC FON-POLICY TENET. NOTES PRES ACKNOWLEDGED HIS CONCEPTS OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM WERE VIOLATED IN SKOREA, BUT THAT EXCEPTION NEEDED BECAUSE OF SEOUL'S STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO US. TO SULZBERGER, "REAL POINT" HERE IS "FAR MORE PROFOUNDLY SIGNIFICANT." HE LISTS SOME OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE FREEDOMS VIOLATED IN ONE OR ANOTHER DEGREE: PRC "MAKES RUSSIA LOOK LIKE A SWISS FAMILY BRECHNEV"; NKOREA CIVIL RIGHTS "MINIMAL COMPARED TO THE SOUTH"; WHILE WE HAVE NO RELS WITH SRVIETNAM, ALREADY THERE IS ARGUMENT ABOUT HOW MUCH WE "'OWE' HANOI SIMPLY FOR HAVING FIRST BEEN DEFEATED AND THEN DOUBLE-CROSSED BY ITS EFFORTS"; "WORST ABOMINATION OF MODERN TIMES IS OCCURRING" IN CAMBODIA.

12. HUMAN RIGHTS/PHILS

JOHN TAYLOR (CSM) CITES PHILS AS ONE COUNTRY WHERE SET-BACKS IN HUMAN RIGHTS AREA MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY PROGRESS IN OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS THAT MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED UNDER CONDITIONS OF IMPERFECT DEMOCRACY. SAYS BEFORE '72, COUNTRY WAS "EMBODIMENT OF DEMOCRACY RUN UNCLASSIFIED

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RIOT": PRESS FREE/HIGHLY IRRESPONSIBLE; CRIME PREVALENT IN CITIES/COUNTRYSIDE; POLITICS CORRUPT TO DEGREE THAT DEFIED REFORM.

ACCORDING TAYLOR MARTIAL LAW WAS BAD PERIOD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS--BUT THERE HAS BEEN LARGE-SCALE ROUNDUP OF GUNS, CORRUPTION DECREASED, BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IMPROVED, RICE PRODUCTION INCREASED, GOVT MOVED TO REDUCE LUXURY IMPORTS IN ORDER PRESERVE INTL CREDIT RATING; ADDS THAT MARCOS TO BE CREDITED FOR HAVING ATTEMPTED FORMULATE SOLUTION TO MUSLIM SEPARATISM PROBLEM. CHRISTOPHER

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